

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for handling and discharging bulk bags includes positioning an adapter assembly on a flexible bulk bag having a spout, inverting the bulk bag, and selectively discharging the contents. The adapter includes a rigid annular adapter ring with an annular, radially-outwardly extending flange adapted for being engaged by a surrounding clamp. The bulk bag is secured to the adapter ring by folding the edge of the spout opening over the flange and clamping the edge to the flange. With the adapter assembly installed a bulk bag may be manipulated in the same manner as a rigid drum.